



**AMONG THOSE WELCOMING** Dr. Stellan Andrecu to Oberlin at a reception on Sunday in the hospital lobby were (center) Gisela Fisher and Wilma May. The event was sponsored by Decatur Health Systems and the Oberlin Medical Arts clinic. — Photo by Othelia Vacura

## Reception welcomes doctor to town

A reception given Sunday afternoon by Decatur Health Systems and the Oberlin Medical Arts clinic welcomed Dr. Stellan Andrecu to town. It was held in the hospital lobby.

Dr. Andrecu attended Carol Davila University in Bucharest, Romania, for his postgraduate education

and worked at Arad County Hospital in pediatrics and emergency from 1989-1991. He attended the National Institute of Pulmonary Disease in internal medicine-pulmonary from 1991-1994, the University of Alabama in family practice from 2002-2004; and served his internship in family medicine in Arad,

Romania.

He completed a residency in internal medicine in Bucharest, Romania, and a residency in family practice at Tuscaloosa, Ala., then received his certification from the American Board of Family Practice.

## Colby college president to retire

Dr. Mikel Ary, president of Colby Community College since 1988, plans to retire Nov. 1.

The third president in the school's history, he is one of the longest-serving community college presidents in the state.

"It's been a privilege and honor to serve as the president of Colby Community College," said Dr. Ary. "I appreciate the confidence and support of the board of trustees and my administrative team during the past 17 years."

"Teamwork has made the advancement of CCC possible. Trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends all play an important role in the progress of the school. I am grateful for the opportunity I was afforded to contribute to the success of the college."

The 40-year-old college experienced considerable growth and achievement during Dr. Ary's tenure. Full-time equivalency student numbers (which determine state funding) grew from a low of 735 in 1984-85 to 1,247 in 1995-96 and 1,210 in 2001-02.

Contributing factors to this growth were the addition of academic programs including nursing and dental hygiene, as well as the acquisition of venture capital through two significant grant sources.

Because of the growth, two new buildings were added. The Health Sciences Building was completed in 1991, and the 20,000 square-foot Bedker Memorial Complex, the most recent addition to the campus, was finished in October 1997. A 6,000-square-foot addition to the

Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center was also included in the construction project.

Fiscal conservatism allowed the college to pay for this expansion without placing a tax burden on the taxpayers of Thomas County. The retirement and restructuring of the school's existing debt, dollars allocated from the general fund, and private donations were used to fund the construction.

Shortly after he came, the college received a \$200,000-per-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education for Student Support Services which has continued since for a total of \$3 million. The program provides personal and academic support to first-generation college students.

The college also won a \$1.5 million Title III grant for the years 1988-1993.

During the past four years, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan has contributed \$140,000 to the college.

Dr. Ary and the board have worked to find money for a proposed wellness center. They asked for money from the federal government and with the assistance of Congressman Jerry Moran, got a \$250,000 grant to develop the center.

Chairman Don Kready has been a member of the college board for 26 years.

"When Dr. Ary announced his decision regarding retirement, I was not totally surprised," said Mr. Kready. "He has mentioned retirement several times recently. As the board looks to the future, there will be a number of challenges for CCC."

## Club elects officers for next year

By SAMANTHA ANDERSON

On the 16th of October, the Stick-to-it 4-H club held its elections for the next year. This took place at the Dan Wassons' pasture. There was a huge fire to roast hot dogs and make s'mores. The members all brought finger foods. There are some great cooks in this club.

President will be Anne Wasson; vice president, Lora Marietta; secretary is Annamarie Larue; treat-

urer, Zach May; historian will be held by two, Sara Kyte and Hannah May; reporter will be "me," Samantha Anderson; recreation leaders are Kade Brown and Matthew Wittman; song leaders are Cassidy Shields and Cheyanne Soderlund; council representatives will be Lora Marietta, Cameron Nedland, Nolan Wasson and Anne Wasson; parliamentarian is Bret Marietta and his assistant is Nolan Wasson.

This last Sunday was our last time to mow for the season. There was a great turnout. Lots of members came out in force. It was nice to see.

It is not too late to join 4-H. Stick-to-it welcomes you to come for a visit. However, all the clubs will welcome you. Just go into the extension office for more information. Members, do not forget to pick up your new enrollment cards!

## Church music clinic at Colby

Ken and Barbara Mervine of Denver will hold a clinic on church music from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

The focus will be on Catholic worship but the musical ideas and skills are valuable to vocalists and instrumentalists of all faiths.

Cost is \$15 per person, plus \$5 for lunch. Registration deadline is Friday. Call (785) 462-2179.

### Celebrating 40 Years Harvey & Cheryl Frecks Steier

The family of Harvey and Cheryl Frecks Steier are requesting a card shower in honor of the couple's 40th wedding anniversary. The couple married October 24, 1965 at Peace Lutheran Church, McCook, Nebraska.

Their children are Melinda and husband Phil Gooch of Jupiter, Fl.; Shawn and wife Carey Steier of Emporia, Kan.

They have 3 grandchildren, Brady and Jami Gooch, and Gavin Steier. Cards will reach them at 6 Logan St., Atwood, KS 67730



## Shower honors woman

A baby shower was held honoring Deena Zodrow on Sunday at the United Church fellowship hall. Hostesses were Mary Van Otterloo, Lara Beth Zodrow and Leola Zodrow.

Guests were Mary Van Otterloo, Aubrey and Taylor, St. George; Duane and Dee Brodgett, Midland, Mich.; Becky Luedders and girls, Hays; Cathy Anthony, Norcatur; Virginia Almquist, and Sue Meyers, Smith Center; Lori Zodrow, Amber and Brenda, Norton; Deanna Williams and Cassidy, Herndon; and Karolyn Muirhead, Delores Zodrow, Cecilia Brown, Laurene Van Otterloo, Marty Olson, Janeil Jensen, Ray and Lara Zodrow, and Leola Zodrow, Oberlin.

## Childhood screening set

An Early Childhood Screening will be offered next Monday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church by Oberlin Elementary School and the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center.

All pre-schoolers from birth to age 5 who will take the kindergarten screening are invited. Parents need to accompany their children through the process, which will take 60 to 90 minutes.

Children will be screened for communication skills, hearing and vision, cognitive development, and gross and fine motor skills.

Call the school office at (785) 475-2122 to set an appointment.

## Rotarians enjoy music

The DCHS Singers gave the program when the Oberlin Rotary Club met on Oct. 11. Jim Hollowell conducted the meeting in the absence of President Gary Shike and the other officers.

The singers and their instructor, Susan Nelson, and accompanist, Mary Lohofener, were introduced by Mark Olson, program chair for the day. They sang several songs, including a preview of the upcoming musical in which they will perform.

Members were reminded to sign up to purchase Rotary trash bags or make a donation.

Guests were Jack Lindquist, Manhattan, director of the Kansas Agricultural and Rural Leadership program; Janice Shobe, a member of the Atwood club; Rick Doeden; and Sarah Fredrickson.

### New Arrival

### Masato Ryan Fuller

Morgan and Chinatsu Fuller of Okinawa, Japan, are the parents of a son, Masato Ryan, born Sept. 15, 2005. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. His grandparents are Roz Fuller, Washington, D.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Masatsugi Nagata, Osaka, Japan. His great-grandmother is Alyce Avery, Oberlin.

## Internet Tonight! 475-2206

## SOUTHWIND STEAK HOUSE & SALOON

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Hours: 4pm to Midnight  
Tuesday - Saturday

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## Club News

### Club enjoys music program

Eighteen members of Pi Alpha Club met Oct. 10 at Golden Age Center with Estella Waldo as hostess. She introduced Susan Nelson, high school vocal director, who was in charge of the program.

Contest numbers given were two piano solos by Sarah Marcuson and a vocal solo, "Someone Like You" by Destry Jackson, accompanied by Mrs. Nelson.

Mrs. Waldo read "And God Said 'No'" for devotions. A donation of \$10 was made to the high school music department for the program. Elaine Bryan won the hostess gift.

The club will meet on Oct. 24

at the Doris Sloan home with Fern Wenger as co-hostess. Freewill donations for the Angel Tree will be taken at the next two meetings.

Ten members met Oct. 13 at Cedar Living Center to host the October birthday party for two residents, Nettie Britton and Freda Gamblin, who were each presented with a carnation. Pat Wright led group singing of hymns with Janette Votapka accompanying on the piano. Fruit and soft pies were served, donated by Virginia Spratling, Rosella Meitl, Janette Votapka, Fern Wenger, and Joan and Kristy Evans.

### Prairie Chapel Women meet

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the home of Faye Miller on Oct. 5 with Faye Miller as co-hostess. Members brought goodies to go with coffee.

President Angie Wilson gave "The Pavement Ends Here, Life is like That" from the book, "Prairie Wisdom," which is on the reading program list. Roll call, a favorite book or poem, was answered by eight members and a guest, Donna Lincoln.

Charissa Huff gave the prayer calendar report on the Red Bird Mission. She plans to attend the conference in Wichita on Oct. 13 and 14. There will be no Mini School of Missions at Camp Lakeside. Phyllis Metcalf read "Who can be a member of

UMW" from the district meeting. Lucille Townsend reported on changes in the reading program.

Cards were signed for the Mark Seck family and Coleen Rippe. It was decided to send a \$25 donation to Camp Lakeside and a donation to the Rock-A-Thon at Good Samaritan Center in honor of Ruth Laidig, one of the rockers. Gloria Mattix and Neva Townsend were remembered with memorial gifts. The group voted to receive the special recognition pin, which will be given at a later date.

Faye Miller gave the nominating committee report with only two changes: Pam Wilson will be social action chairman and Joyce Rippe will serve on the nominating committee.

### Mission trip recounted

Kristi Smith was speaker at the Oct. 10 meeting of Monday Evening Club and shared about her three-week mission trip in August to the African nations of Cameroon and Nigeria.

She was a member of a six-person team from Living Word Fellowship Church in Hoxie and the sponsoring organization was "Jesus to the World", based in Denver was represented by Pastor David Clifton. She wore a

colorful, patterned dress and matching turban made for her.

The meeting was held at the home of Jody Betts with Kay Gaskill as co-hostess. Roll call was answered by naming other nations members had visited.

The Nov. 14 meeting will be at the home of Mary Ann Erickson with Judy Shirley as co-hostess. Gisela Fisher will be guest speaker and roll call will be answered by naming a favorite book.

### Auxiliary orders poppies

The Oberlin American Auxiliary met at the Legion hall on Oct. 12. Roll call was answered by four officers and three members. Hostesses were Carol Allen and Edna Mott.

President Angela Corcoran opened the meeting and Chaplain Fran Nothdurft led in prayer followed by the flag salute. Mrs. Allen, membership chairman, reported a total of 102 paid members, which included five new members.

The president reported that there would be no coffee tour this year, but district officers will try to visit during the year. She also reported that a new sign had been

made showing price increases for food at bingo, which was approved. Plans were made to order 1,000 poppies for Memorial Day. A donation will be made to the Veterans Gift Shop in Topeka.

In the new policy adopted, all hospital equipment, including wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, etc., may be borrowed for a donation. It may be picked up at the Legion after 4 p.m. or call Angela Corcoran. The unit plans to decorate a Christmas tree in the military section at the museum.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9 with a Veterans Day program.



Jack and Mary Gutchewsky are celebrating their 30th Anniversary on October 25.

A card shower is requested for this occasion.

Cards may reach them at:

RR1, Box 47

Herndon, KS 67739

From your kids and family

## 26TH ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT



WHEN: October 22, 2005 7 p.m.  
WHERE: Meet at the Band Shell, Oberlin City Park  
COST: \$5 per person, which includes admission into dance  
SUPPLIES TO BRING: Doll/Stuffed Animal, Envelope, Baby Bib, Baby Bottle, Non-carbonated non-alcoholic beverage, One Dollar Bill (\$1), Pencil/Pen, Snack for Dance

DANCE TO FOLLOW AT AMERICAN LEGION, 9 P.M. TO 1 A.M. - EVERYONE WELCOME!

Any questions, please contact Wade or Leslie at 475-2585, or leave message.